

RECOGNIZING MR. LANCE CLIMER  
AS THE WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**HON. MATT GAETZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 1, 2022*

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Lance Climer as the Walton County Teacher of the Year. For five years, Mr. Climer has served the Walton County School District with exceptional passion and an unwavering commitment to serving others.

In Northwest Florida, we are fortunate to have some of the best teachers in the Nation. It is recognized that the teaching profession is one of the most difficult yet rewarding professions in existence. Mr. Climer has performed his teaching duties exceptionally, while also striving to be an active and supportive member of his community.

His support and outreach extend far beyond the walls of his social studies class through his involvement as Men's Golf Coach, Key Club Advisor, School Improvement Team member and Department Chair. As the advisor to a community service club, Mr. Climer has displayed dedication to preparing the whole child for a life of success by showcasing to students that the best aspects in life are often not what you receive, but instead what you can give back. I commend him for his steadfast willingness to serve those that matter most, the students and youth of our Nation.

For all of his admirable contributions, I am truly proud to have Mr. Climer as a constituent in Florida's First Congressional District.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Mr. Lance Climer for his accomplishments and his commitment to excellence, professionalism, innovation, and collaboration in the

Walton County School District. I thank him for his service and wish him all the best for continued success.

TRIBUTE TO CHERYL A. HICKMON

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated community servant, mentor, and advocate for social justice and economic empowerment. Cheryl A. Hickmon, the 27th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., transitioned from this life on January 20, 2022. She left a legacy that enriched the lives of women and girls globally and uplifted African American communities particularly.

Cheryl A. Hickmon, was a native of Hartford, Connecticut. She was born on May 11, 1962, to the late Dr. Ned Hickmon and Consuella Anderson Hickmon. She was a graduate of my alma mater, South Carolina State University, where her leadership journey in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. began when she was initiated through the Alpha Xi Chapter in 1982. She became president of the Alpha Xi Chapter (1983 to 1984) and South Atlantic Regional Representative (1984 to 1986). After graduating from South Carolina State, Cheryl Hickmon returned to her hometown, where she joined the Hartford Alumnae Chapter and eventually became Chapter President (2009 to 2013).

She remained actively involved in the Sorority for 39 years and held numerous elected and appointed positions at the national, regional, and local levels; most recently being elected as National President and Chair of the Board of Directors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Professionally, Cheryl Hickmon was a licensed Clinical Laboratory. Technologist and worked in the Reproductive Medical Laboratory for more than 30 years. She was most recently employed at Montefiore's Institute for Reproductive Medicine and Health in Hartsdale, New York, a division of the Montefiore Medical Center and a teaching hospital of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She supervised the In Vitro Fertilization Laboratories for Andrology and Endocrinology. Cheryl Hickmon was highly skilled and experienced in the specialties of Andrology and Endocrinology. One of her greatest joys was assisting couples with the gift of children.

Cheryl Hickmon served her community in various ways; the NAACP, the National Council of Negro Women, the National Brotherhood of Skiers, and was a member of St. Monica's Episcopal Church. She was the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including Outstanding Accomplishments and Achievement Award from South Carolina State, the "100 Most Influential African Americans in the State of Connecticut" by the Connecticut Chapters of the NAACP, and the Citizen of the Year Award from the Tau Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

She is survived by her older brothers Ned and David Hickmon, a host of other family and friends, and the entire membership of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Those who had the pleasure of knowing Cheryl Hickmon agree that she embodied integrity, grace, and an unselfish, giving spirit.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in commemorating the life of Cheryl A. Hickmon, a woman who led with humility and lived by the motto, "Don't measure life by the number of breaths you take, but by the number of moments that take your breath away."